

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 24, 2003

FROM: **RUDY LOPEZ**, Director
 Department of Behavioral Health

SUBJECT: AGREEMENTS FOR AUGMENTED BOARD AND CARE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve Agreement 03- with ASC Treatment Group, a.k.a. Anne Sippi Clinic for Augmented Board and Care (ABC) services in the amount of \$255,500 for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 for the following types of facilities:
 - Adult Female Transitional Home
 - Adult Male Transitional Home

2. Approve Agreement 03- with Linda Diann Spinks, Inc. (d.b.a. Fontana Gardens, Inc.) for ABC services in the amount of \$457,317 for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 for the following type of facility:
 - Adult Female Intensive - Forensic Home

3. Approve Agreement 03- with Orchid Court, Inc. (d.b.a. Vanda Royale) for ABC services in the amount of \$356,865 for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 for the following types of facilities:
 - Adult Male Transitional Home
 - Adult Male Intensive/Adult Male Intensive-Forensic Home

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Approval of this item will allow Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to continue to provide ABC services to seriously mentally ill residents of San Bernardino County in the least restrictive setting possible.

The DBH operates a continuum of care system that consists of County operated and contracted service providers delivering a variety of mental health treatment services within each geographic region of the County. Since 1997, state-licensed ABC homes have contracted with the County to meet the needs of this population. Each provider has a specific responsibility and role within the County's treatment delivery system.

Forensic homes serve mentally ill adults for a duration of six to twelve months. Specific beds are designated for the care of individuals who are severely and persistently mentally ill, have committed a misdemeanor, and are being referred from the forensic unit through the Supervised Treatment After Release program (STAR).

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Transitional homes offer ABC services to adults for two to twelve months. These homes provide services to individuals who have been discharged from higher levels of care or who are unable to utilize a lower level of care without substantial supportive services. Clients also include young adults who are transitioning from the children's system of care into the adult system of care and adults who are having difficulty transitioning into the community.

On April 24, 2001 the Board approved and authorized release of RFPs for these services. On September 25, 2001, the Board approved an agreement with Orchid Court, Inc. (d.b.a. Vanda Royale), for the period October 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003 in the amount of \$622,055 (Item 94). On October 23, 2001, the Board approved an agreement with Fontana Gardens for the period October 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003 in the amount of \$798,118 (Item 23). There are currently three additional contractors for ABC services: Orchid Court, Inc. (approved September 25, 2001), Mt. View Residential Board and Care (approved September 25, 2001), and Linda Villa Care (approved October 23, 2001). Agreements with these three contractors expire June 30, 2004. The agreements with Orchid Court, Inc. (dba Vanda Royale) and Orchid Court, Inc. are separate.

DBH will release a Request For Proposals (RFP) for these services in FY 2003-04. Because the process for this specialized type of service is extensive, DBH is in continual communication with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to ensure these mandated services are provided in accordance with state regulations.

ABC providers meet the needs of a population that have a history of placement and/or psychiatric instability. In addition, they provide services at a higher level of care than a regular board and care home yet considerably less restrictive than that of a long term locked psychiatric facility. Appropriate placement of clients in ABC facilities allows the County to avoid costlier levels of care.

The Adult System of Care (ASOC) of DBH has provided oversight, performance monitoring and program evaluation for the ABC services in regard to mental health services, medication support services, crisis intervention and case management. Each of the providers listed above has met all performance goals and standards to date. ASOC staff will continue to provide linkages with the total Mental Health System to assist providers in continuing to meet the needs of consumers.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed and approved as to form by Deputy County Counsel, Charles J. Larkin on June 6, 2003. This item was also reviewed by County Administrative Office, Carol Hughes, Administrative Analyst on June 12, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this item will result in no local County cost. Funding for these services in the amount of \$1,069,682 is included in the Department's proposed FY 2003/2004 Budget. Fontana Gardens is funded by a combination of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant and State Realignment funds. Anne Sippi and Vanda Royale are funded 100 % by State Realignment.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval as it imposes no local cost to the County and provides mandated access to DBH services.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Rudy Lopez, Director
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